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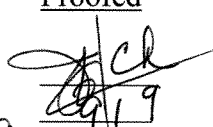
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DRAFT – DR. POBZEB RESOLUTION – 9/12/05

Relating to: recognizing and celebrating the life of Dr. Vang Pobzeb

✓ WHEREAS, Dr. Vang Pobzeb was born in Laos on July 12, 1957, and died in St. Paul, Minnesota on August 23, 2005, of a heart attack at the age of 48; and

✓ WHEREAS, Dr. Pobzeb lived a life of sacrifice, working tireless hours to help immigrants in Wisconsin to retain benefits and pursue a better life; and

✓ WHEREAS, Dr. Pobzeb was characterized by friends as compassionate and selfless, often working 16 hour days to respond to every call and letter requesting help; and

✓ WHEREAS, Dr. Pobzeb was among the first in the Hmong community to achieve academic excellence in the United States by earning his Ph. D. from the University of Denver in Political Science; and

✓ WHEREAS, working with public and private groups, Dr. Pobzeb advanced the cause for human rights and stood up for those who didn't have the means or opportunity to defend themselves; and

✓ WHEREAS, in addition to issues surrounding the Hmong community, Dr. Pobzeb was often called upon by other various human rights organizations to advocate on their behalf; and

✓ WHEREAS, Dr. Pobzeb established the Lao Human Rights Council, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in 1987, to promote human rights of Lao and Hmong people; and

✓ WHEREAS, Dr. Pobzeb worked as Director for the Lao Human Rights Council serving to educate and inform members of the U.S. government, United Nations, state governments and international human rights organizations to oppose forced repatriation of Laos refugees and globally advocate for the protection of political prisoners in Thailand and Laos; and

✓ WHEREAS, through the Lao Human Rights Council, Dr. Pobzeb cooperated and worked with other international human rights organizations to promote civil rights, peace and freedom for Lao and Hmong people; and

✓ WHEREAS, Dr. Pobzeb believed in democracy and freedom for all people, which is why the acts of genocide and chemical and biological warfare going on inside Laos inspired him to lead the Hmong community and urge political leaders to give aid to political refugees and demand responsibility for the murdering of innocent civilians in Communist Laos; and

✓ WHEREAS, often serving as the voice of the Hmong people in the United Nations, Dr. Pobzeb attended several international conferences, including the 23rd Session in Geneva, Switzerland in 2005; and

✓ WHEREAS, one of his greatest accomplishments was in 1994, when he officially registered the name "Hmong" into the book of the United Nations, where prior to that Hmong were officially known as "Mao"; and

✓ WHEREAS, through his work, Dr. Pobzeb had several correspondences with U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, federal representatives and senators, ambassadors, state and local representatives, as well as several other highly influential political leaders, to advocate on behalf of the Hmong people; and

✓ WHEREAS, Dr. Pobzeb often said his purpose was to "promote and defend the human rights of Lao and Hmong people in Laos and the Lao and Hmong refugees in Southeast Asia and around the world," and he achieved this purpose positively affecting thousands across the globe; and

✓ WHEREAS, he was a leader to a group that had little representation in the United States, and helped put a local, state, national and international spotlight on an issue that wasn't receiving the attention it deserved; and

✓ WHEREAS, Dr. Pobzeb was more than a political leader to the people who knew him, to the countless individuals and families he helped, and to the overall cause of bringing peace and freedom to Lao and Hmong people, he was a hero; and

✓ WHEREAS, his life was cut short, but he lived his 48 years to the fullest making a tremendous impact on Hmong rights, spending his time educating anyone who would listen on the horrifying circumstances in Laos and his determination to stand up for freedom; now, therefore be it

✓ Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature honor Dr. Vang Pobzeb, for his dedication to the Hmong community and his dream of peace and freedom for all people; and, be it further

✓ Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to his wife, Nou Moua.



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Basford, Sarah

From: Little, Kevin
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